HB 2048 -- Textbook Transparency Act

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This bill establishes the Textbook Transparency Act which requires textbook publishers to make the wholesale price, revision history, and variety of formats for a textbook available to faculty members at public higher education institutions when the faculty members are choosing textbooks. The revision history must also be available to students at the point of sale. Publishers are required to make a textbook and any supplemental material available separately when selling the materials bundled together. Where it is feasible, public institutions of higher education must develop policies allowing students to use financial aid that has not been disbursed for tuition or fees to purchase textbooks at campus bookstores.